

August 20, 2014

Dear Mayor Nabours and Council Members,

I write to express my support for the memorial naming of "The Nate Avery Trail" at Buffalo Park.

As I trust you've heard from so many others over the past two years, Dr. Avery left an extraordinary impact on our City, its children and families.

I have lived and worked in Flagstaff for over forty years. Over the past two decades, I had the privilege of growing close to Nate and his family.

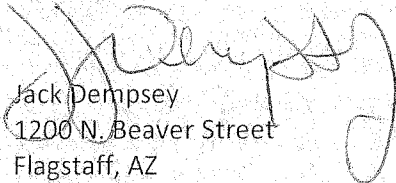
From his parents and siblings I learned of wonderful stories of his Flagstaff childhood, including his youthful, adventurous hikes in the Grand Canyon. I've heard grateful stories from tearful parents and families of his remarkable clinical expertise and compassion. I've experienced his playful trouble-making, in settings ranging from family gatherings to serious hospital meetings.

In each and every occasion, he was simply an extraordinarily gifted and caring man.

Dr. Avery's expertise and training afforded him international opportunities; he chose to return to Flagstaff. He chose to build his home close to his neighborhood...close to Buffalo Park. Many, many evenings he chose to head to Buffalo Park, to run or walk along its trails.

The Council should now choose to remember Nate by renaming the Buffalo Park Trail as The Nate Avery Trail.

Thank you,


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